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## Activities

### Basic version

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Fill in the boxes with the correct answers to find the mystery word.

A 10x10 grid of squares. The grid is numbered 1 to 10 on the left side. The central diamond shape is highlighted in orange. The diamond is formed by squares where the row and column indices are equal or differ by one. The grid is numbered 1 to 10 on the left side.

1. The European Union (EU) has 27 \_\_\_\_\_ countries
2. Country in which the next G8 meeting will be held
3. Country that has the second largest economy in the world
4. Country that became the seventh member in 1976
5. \_\_\_\_\_ is part of the United Kingdom (UK)
6. The next G20 meeting will be held in the city of St \_\_\_\_\_
7. David \_\_\_\_\_ is the prime minister of the UK
8. Gross \_\_\_\_\_ Product (GDP)
9. There are many Syrian refugees in this country
10. Vladimir \_\_\_\_\_ is the president of Russia

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**Permian creature discovery (Page 2)****Instructions:** Read the article 'Permian creature discovery'.

Tick either true or false for the following statements.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Panthalassa was the ocean that surrounded Rodinia.		
2. <i>Bunostegos</i> lived in the middle of Pangea.		
3. <i>Bunostegos</i> was a meat-eating carnivore.		
4. The dinosaurs died out 66 million years ago.		
5. Pangea was a 'supercontinent'.		
6. Niger is a country in Africa.		
7. Pareiasaurs lived between 266 million and 252 million years ago.		
8. <i>Bunostegos</i> is a type of pareiasaur.		
9. The Earth's worst mass extinction was at the end of the Permian Period.		
10. <i>Bunostegos</i> lived in Rodinia.		

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** Read the article “Understanding’ spiders’.

- 1.** Find the key words in the wordsearch below. Words can go in any direction. **2.** Take the first 38 unused letters, starting at the top left-hand corner of the box. **3.** Put these letters into the squares at the bottom of the page to discover the mystery phrase.

A T R A D I A T I N G S  
H P E E V E N I N G T C  
S P P B B C O L O N Y I  
I F D R E R R S E B S E  
T O O A O U A N N C P N  
R O E N U A A Z P A I T  
A T N C D M C D I O D I  
P B W H R N T H O L E S  
P A S E C A R E I O R T  
E L P S T H E R S N S S  
D L B W K E V J X R G M  
U N D E R S T A N D V N

## Key words

SPIDERS	FOOTBALL
SCIENTISTS	BRAZIL
EVENING	PERMANENT
APPROACHING	BRANCHES
UNDERSTAND	RADIATING
TRAPPED	COLONY

## Mystery phrase

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**UNESCO's World Heritage list (Page 5)**

**Instructions:** Read the article 'UNESCO's World Heritage list'.  
Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.

World Heritage Committee

Egypt

Mount Fuji

Damascus

Phnom Penh

UNESCO

Pyramids of Giza

Europe

Namib Sand Sea

Uninhabited

Aleppo

Cambodia

Golestan Palace

Japan

Mount Etna

Iran

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## Famous author's homes (Page 8)

**Instructions:** Read the article 'Famous author's homes'.  
Answer questions 1-8. The first is done for you.

1. I am another name for a Russian king.

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2. I was George Orwell's real name.

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3. I am a country that is also known as Burma.

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4. I am a book that Orwell wrote as an allegory of communism.

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5. I am the book that 'Big Brother' comes from.

A number line from 0 to 100. The line is marked with numbers 0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, and 100. Below the line, there are boxes for tens and ones. The first row has boxes for 0-9, 10-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80-89, 90-99, and 100. The second row has boxes for 0-9, 10-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80-89, 90-99, and 100.

6. I am a town in Burma where Orwell lived.

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7. I am the country in which Orwell was born.

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8. I am the name of one of Orwell's first books.

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**World Map (Page 13)**

**Instructions:** Listed below are 12 countries. Eliminate from the list those countries that appear on the map of the world. You will be left with one country that is not named on the map. That is the answer.

Serbia

Malaysia

Cambodia

Somalia

Iran

China

Panama

Germany

Argentina

Afghanistan

Qatar

Niger

**Missing Country =**

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**Lecture in space (Page 12)****Instructions:** Read the article 'Lecture in space'.

Fill in the boxes with the correct answers to find the mystery word.

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**Clues**

1. Tiangong means \_\_\_\_\_ palace
2. Russia's first space station was called \_\_\_\_\_ 1
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Space Station (ISS)
4. The space station orbits the \_\_\_\_\_ every 90 minutes
5. Manual \_\_\_\_\_ is an important thing to practice
6. \_\_\_\_\_ -10 was launched on 11th June
7. Wang \_\_\_\_\_ was the second Chinese woman in space
8. In China cosmonauts are called \_\_\_\_\_
9. Beijing is China's \_\_\_\_\_ city
10. Unidentified flying \_\_\_\_\_ (UFOs)